

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday, October 19, 2021 @6:45 PM
Main Shelter Hoyt Park

Welcome & Introductions: Rich Jablonski brought the meeting to order at 6:48PM. Friends attendees included Cheri Swenson, Tim Astfalk, Kate Austin, and Ron Harris.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of September 9, 2021 were previously approved by email vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of October 18, 2021 cash on hand was \$29,286. Member contributions totaled \$5810, up \$250 from last month. The treasurer's report was circulated by treasurer Glenn Teschendorf via email prior to the meeting and presented at the meeting by Chair Rich Jablonski. The board discussed moving a part of the cash on hand to a one year CD in order to gain interest. It was decided that the amount of interest to be earned on the proposed \$10,000 CD was not significant enough to tie up funds for a year period of time. Board discussion on whether to add the Chairperson's name as a secondary signatory on the PayPal account was tabled until more information was provided. The report was approved by voice vote.
- **Check approval:** Vaughan James requested approval for reimbursement of \$31.16 for the website domain name and \$599.40 for 5 years of the GoDaddy platform for the website. Glenn Teschendorf requested approval for reimbursement of \$25 to be used for stamps. Each reimbursement was addressed separately and approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

- **Review of October work day:** The October workday on October 16 was very well attended by 17 volunteers including a Girl Scout troop and high school and college students. Workday activity included seed collecting from our very own prairies and the planting of oak tree seeds (acorns).
- **November work day:** The volunteer work day in November will be on **November 20th**. Meet at the main parking lot for brushing clearing and seed spreading in the demonstration area for oak woodland/savannah restoration north and south of the Overlook. A group of UW Engineering students have expressed an interest in attending.
- **Owl Walk 2022:** Hoyt Park and surrounding neighborhoods have been hearing owl hoots all fall. FHP board members decided to delay the Owl walk, usually held in January, until fall of 2022 with the actual date to be determined later.
- **Family Sledding Party:** The 2022 Family Sledding Party will be held in the Main Shelter at the park on Sunday Feb. 6th from 1-3pm. Closer to the event we will be advertising throughout the surrounding neighborhoods in the hope that we would have as large a gathering as in 2020.

Old Business:

- **Vegetation Management Update:** Paul Q, city parks conservation supervisor, has offered city training, support and supplies for a woodland burn to be conducted as a part of the city parks-supported oak woodland/savannah restoration. Paul also provided example signs that the Friends could use to explain the restoration process to park users. The board decided to ask the city to provide two of each of the sign designs. Tim A suggests meeting with adjoining neighbors and FHP members to explain and field questions regarding the process. No specific plan of action was discussed.
- **Final 2021 Newsletter plans: Drafts due** to Vaughan by **Nov. 8th**; please send the documents in WORD format. Rich Jablonski will do a FHP Chair's letter and an article explaining the restoration project. Each board member should write a short bio. Ranger Andy will do a shortened version of his ranger report. Tim A will write an article on the two grants that were received in 2021. All should send Vaughan any photos that they have of the park and park events.

New Business:

- **Woodland/Prairie Committee:** Tim A has offered to chair this committee to continue on the restoration work in progress. Glenn T and Tim K have also offered to be on this committee.
- **Membership Committee:** Cheri A has agreed to chair a committee to focus on increasing the membership, storage of and access to membership records and the use of social media to promote the FHP. Kate A has also offered to be on the committee.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Website:** Ron H has agreed to form a committee to review our current website platform and discuss options for future ownership and management. Vaughan J will be asked to be a part of this committee as well as any other member with interest/expertise in website development.
- **Women's Federation for World Peace email:** The board discussed the email received from WFWP and Cheri S will contact city parks to see how FHP can assure equal sharing of volunteer hour offers across all city parks.
- **Winter meeting location:** The November meeting will be held via Zoom when we will discuss options for the 2022 cold weather meetings. Sequoya Public Library has opened its meeting rooms to groups observing guidance from Dane Co Public Health.

Next Meeting Date: November 11th, 6:45PM via Zoom

Meeting adjourned @ 7:48 PM

/S/ **C Swenson** November 30, 2021